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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

A War Story.

## STAUNTON RIVER BRIDG

25th of June, 1864.

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Thirty-one years ago to-day there important bridge at such a juncture would have seriously embarrassed the Virginia. situation of Lee and his gallant hosts, who were confronting the enemy the railroad bridge over Staunton River would mean an easy and un-Danville, where the destruction of anwas concerned.

his strong force of cavalry. He had ride we disembarked at their instance, across the river, anless Capt. Farinholt stop the firing of our own artillery. been engaged for several weeks in an when I would place the men on the seriously objected to their going, and and I watched his red cap with a great expedition which had for its object the opposite side of the railroad track, destruction of Gordonsville, Charlottesville and Lynchburg, so as to threaten and await the coming of the raiders, Lee from the rear. This imposing piece of strategy was foiled by the quick movements and vigorous action of General Hampton, who was placed in command of the cavalry after the death of Stuart. He had defeated Sheridan in the brilliant engagement ville. The party was being augmented when they recognized that the newat Trevilian's Station on the 11th of all the time, and when we reached comers were old soldiers. It was de-June, which gave a decisive check to Danville on Thursday night there cided that my two companies should tion of the energy to crush our small the Federal commander. A cavalry were forty or fifty officers and men take position on the right of the expedition under Generals Wilson and who felt themselves in some way under bridge, while the militia should occupy Column after column was massed in Kautz was then organized by the orders to follow my lead. At Dan- the left of our entrenchments. Federal commander to operate against ville the news was even more exciting, in e describe the configuration of the The ground was being covered very severe flesh wound before the engage- Maryland Line; II. C. Glisson, Co. A. the railroads south of the Appointation, as rumors were flying thick and fast ground on the north side of the river, which forceset out on the evening of the that the Federals were destroying the so as to give a better idea of the 21st of June. Fitzhugh Lee's division railroad beyond Burkesville, which strength of our position as well as its of cavalry went in pursuit of the would further delay our progress, peril.

There was an old hotel used as a Way-Dinwiddie C. H., where Lee was re- side Hospital not far from the depot, mile of the bridge, and the railroad hind the breastworks, which were the Confederacy, and belonging to all F, 49th Ga; F. Gregory, Co. H. 20th pulsed, but he struck Wilson the next and thither went a fired and hungry track was without a curve between day near Nottaway C. H., and gained set of soldiers, who were thankful to them. From a steep embankment at such a victory over him that Wilson get shelter for the balance of the night. the bridge, rising eight or ten feet the ditch in our front, the command had never met before, this he croge- Ayr s. Co. II, 51st Va; W. M. Russell, withdrew from his front, forming a junction with Kautz on the Richmond and Danville Railroad. From this women of Danville were on hand to and Danville Railroad. From this women of Danville were on hand to the station there was no grading at all. than seventy-five yards in our front, and steadfast courage. Each man 5th S. C; E. Nelson, Co. F, 6th N. point of junction, the Federals hastened aid in feeding the men who were, un- On the right or east side of the rail- and when the mea rose with the rebel was actuated by a feeting of his own C; J. M. Jones, Co. 21st N. C; towards the bridge over Staunton consciously to themselves, expected road, looking northwards, there was a yell and poured a volley into the ranks responsibility for the successful J. Baker, Co. A, 8th Confederate River, which was guarded by a bat- to defend the place against disaster. piece of meadow land, a Lundred yards of the enemy, there was great con- termination of the fight, and no army Cavalry; J. C. Gafford, Co. G, 5th talion of home guards under the com- The building had a veranda the entire wide running to the creek which emp mand of Capt. B. L. Farinholt, of the length for two stories, and after tied here into the river. This creek Virginia reserve militia.

account of the battle at Staunton letters. One was already finished to and eight hundred yards long. A ditch tory to another charge. The troops River. Let me further premise by my mother, telling of the mishaps ran across the meadow from the rail- were massed even more closely than saying that so far as my knowledge goes no detailed statement of this another to a young lady in South than seventy-five yards in front of my engagement has ever been written, and that I am led to undertake it now by a curious coincidence. A triend of mine several months ago was rumaging among some old newspapers in a vacant warehouse in West Greenville, and he came across a file of "The Daily Southern Guardian," published in Columbia, S. C., by the lamented Chas, P. Pelham. He discovered the for the purpose of taking them to some hills, upon which we posted pickets ment of the facts connected with the start, and it d'd not take them long anything besides comfortable to be fight on the 25th of June at Staunton to find out that the officer designated within range. Our slender and hastily River, and to which was appended a was totally inexperienced, which caus- constructed earthworks formed a semipartial list of the men under my com- ed them to inquire whether he had circle, with the bridge as the centre. fight, I determined to put together the smelt powder on the battle-field, and of being flanked in this position, but tacts and incidents which illustrated the object of coming to me was, to there was also se avenue of retreat. their personal daring and fidelity to obtain an intercession with the com- Failure meant the capture of every the Lost Cause under most trying circumstances, and in the face of fear- enter into the particulars, but will only ful odds. I have chosen the 31st say that several hours were lost in conanniversary of the fight to jot down these memories, and will be compelled to appear more or less egotistical in giving this account, for it was my fortune to be second in command under command of one who was evi- sance three or four miles up the railwhere the fighting took place.

and Spottsylvania, I was sent to the be put in charge, and that the rest of of the day, for we learned that the signed to the Georgia division of the insisted upon my taking charge. hospital with a number of other ofhospital in Columbia, S. C.

mother for two weeks, gaining a good the expiration of my hospital furlough, Narrative of the Battle on the as the news every day indicated active stationed. The surgeon remonstrated they were soon asleep. with me, and urged that my improvement was only temporary, or at least line of railway then open for the clined, and upon my request a dis-

around Richmond and Petersburg. the Washington Street Methodist stream. He also told me that there along the railroads between Wilming- to hear the commencement sermon of bridge, who had a part of his own ton and Weldon, N. C., and communi- the Columbia Female College from command, and with whom he differed emy began to appear upon the hills. cation had been stopped between that prince of orators, Bishop George as to the proper defence of the bridge. Their artillery was soon unlimbered Weldon and Petersburg, Va The F. Picrce, whom I had met the year This information was gladly received, and only a few moments clapsed outlook was quite serious and gloomy, before at Greensboro, Ga. It was a for my impressions already were until shells were bursting all around as the main hope and dependence for grand effort, and the thought upperthe continuance of the struggle on the most in my mind, with that discharge part of the Confederates lay in the in my pocket, was whether I would without delay the next morning. Soon dently trying to shoot into the end of preservation of this single line of rail- ever enjoy such a privilege again, for after daylight I started across the the bridge, meeting with success now way intact. The destruction of an every hour the air grew heavier with bridge, and as it was covered the way and then. The squadrons of cavalry

The train left at midnight, and I around Petersburg and maintaining C., as the most direct route to Peters. was to meet with Col. Coleman, he and the clanging of sabres, but these the line of defence at the capital of burg. My recollection is that the gave me a cordial grasp of the hand, things were not very destructive to life, the Confederacy. The demolition of journey to Wilmington was not com- and said that he was Henry E. Cole- and so I felt more serious when it was obstructed march of the enemy on to there was even a greater delay at neighborhood, and that he was on a for a close conflict with us. The shell other important bridge over the Dan there and Weldon was being threaten- bandaged from a wound received at River would surely follow. Besides, ed with the Federal cavalry, and so we Spottsylvania, and he had tendered his the town of Danville was the entrepot waited for trains to be sent out. I had services for this occas on to Capt. for army supplies, and there were an interview with Gen. Martin, who Farinholt. He was satisfied that the immense stores being gathered there at was commanding the post, and he Federals could reach there during the this very time. A repulse of the gave me a permit to go on the first day and would expect to burn the enemy at Staunten River meant the train, with the understanding that I bridge, which could easily be done if preservation of Danville and its would take command of furloughed there were no troops on the north side reaching the enemy, the gunners put valuable interests. This would keep and convalscent soldiers who might be to prevent it. He had taken about 150 in grace and canister which fell all Lee and his army in security and on the train, in case the enemy was to milita, old men and boys, and had around us. I sent private Fenton, of repose so far as their base of supplies attack the train. The engineer and been entrenching his position during the Maryland artillery, with a mes-General Sheridan had begun the encourter the Federals, and more than execution of a grand campaign with once during the slow and cautious that I agreed to take my command der the fire of the enemy's guns to ho did not appear during the day.

This much by way of preface to an me and was soon engaged in writing meadow was one hundred yards wide a rally of the scattered forces preparasince we parted, and I was writing road culvert to the creek, not more before, and their movements seemed

interrupt me. an officer had been sent by the com- file, with every advantage in favor of mand in that engagement. In justice been at the front. His answer and each end resting upon the river mandant on their behalf. I will not man, and this was impressed upon all.

detachment he was sending to the quested that his company be joined to where they would likely fall into the for a sudden retreat. spital in Columbia, S. C.

I was not reluctant to obey the two companies numbered not over a sages to be handed Gen. Lee when he was in their possession, and it was for me. The surgeon said that Sims pain. Carpenter Bros., Greenville,

I held a brief conference with Capt.

mounted in a fort overtooking the and I decided to investigate the matter of the bridge, and one gun was evi the reports of impending battles in was dark. I had gone only a few steps were flying in every direction, and the after my purpose in crossing the horses and riders. Cavalry always did went via Kingville to Wilmington, N. bridge. Upon stating that my object excite me with the tramping of horses pleted until Tuesday morning, owing to man. of the 12th N. C. 1 soon apparent that this flying around meant delays at Kingville and Florence. But learned that his mother lived in the Wilmington, for the railroad between wounded Turlough. His head was

the transfer, and when a scant break-When we reached Goldsboro in the fast was finished the two companies afternoon the news was received that were marched across. The militial the Federals had severed all communi- under Col Coleman were evidently cation with Weldor, and that we must much rejoiced to have reinforcements take a train for Greensboro and Dan-come to their assistance, especially

Roanoke station was within half a breakfast I was on the upper gallery, ran parallel to the railroad, and kept soon explained, which was simply that side, as they would be in a narrow de-

Soon after the line was established it was decided upon my suggestion that coach which came that morning from

not long in procuring a permit to visit on Friday afternoon, June 24th, we was ended, and we returned to the wagons, ambulances and troops. Their that he give every attention to him my father's home in Laurens, where I left Danville in box cars with arms, bridge with encouraging words for our artillery on the hills was turned the sharing with him the slender supply my father's home in Tautens, and a state of my ammunition and rations furnished by little band of 300. The hours grew other way to prevent the advance of of stimulants on hand. The next Col. Withers, who had become residowly, the heat was intense, and the Lee, and under the cover of a rapid morning Sims was taken to Danville deal of strength in that time. After conciled to the situation. We were men were suffering from thirst and fire from their guns the retreat was along with the rest of us, and in a few directed to report to Capt. Farin- hunger. The creek water did not speedily entered upon. It was a time weeks he was given a furlough to I reported to the surgeon in charge at holt, and he was advised of our satisfy them, and the rations were of suspense and anxiety with us, for visit his mother and tell the story for Columbia, and requested to be discoming. Between eight and nine growing scarce and unpalatable. They we did not know with certainty that bimself. charged and sent back to the army, o'clock the train halted near the bridge gathered under the bridge, and the Lee's command was in reality on over Staunton River, forty-eight nules old soldiers regaled the militia with hand, or whether it was only a small movements around Petersburg, where from Danvike. The men were marched grewsome tales of war as they had seen detachmen which had caused the en-

the command to which I belonged at once to a place for bivouac, and it. Camp jokes and breezy songs follows to forsake our front. The sun sincere regret that an accurate list of (Palmetto Sharp Shooters) was then with the starry heavens for a canopy lowed until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, had gone down, and the shadows were the furloughed and convale-cent soldiers I held a brief conference with Capt. hills brought every one to his place it grew dusk there was positive and me, but every veteran will understand thinking these Conservatives were honest in their efforts to being about the line. that my health was not permanently Federals were not expected until the some of our videttes were seen coming virlettes came with the welcome tidings thing. It was an unusual event, it is Thirty-one years ago to-day the true, and he proffered an exwas an impromptu battle at Staunton recovered, and he proffered an exnext day, when it was his purpose to in haste to joia us. The enemy was that the Federals were gone and that true, and yet it was not the only time defend the bridge from the southside, almost m sight, and the first courier to i.ee was occupying the ground around Danville Railroad. This was the only Laurens. This was respectfully de- where he had two pieces of artillery arrive said they were very numerous. The advance guard of Gen. Wilson ended, and the victory was ours! transportation of soldiers and supplies charge was made out on Sunday morn-river, with which he confidently ex-quickly drove in the balance of our to Lee's army, which was concentrated ing, June 19th, in time for me to reach pected to repulse the enemy across the pickets, except two or three who were The Federal cavalry had been raiding Church, and find a seat in the gallery was an officer on the other side of the in the woods until the fight was over. cut off, and who concealed themselves

It was not very long until the enagainst the plans of the commandant, us. They undertook to get the range that the cavalrymen were dismounting ing was still furious and growing more nepleasant every moment. To add to the discomfort of the situation, our southside began to respond to the compliments sent forth from the opposite hills, and instead of using shot and shell with the expectation of conductor felt sure that we would the night, but it was very slow work sage to the commandant on the other The result of our conversation was side. He went across the bridge unjoin with Col. Coleman in what was deal of interest as he emerged from the with the cars as a sort of breastwork, the only practicable defence of the bridge and ascended the hill to the bridge. I found no difficulty in making fort. My instructions were for him to ask the privilege of directing the guns against the enemy, and in default thereof to cease firing altogether.

In the meanwhile the dismounted cavalry were getting into battle array. The lines were formed near the station, and they began to move in our direction. Evidently it was the intensternation and a basty retreat.

The battle was joined in desperate earnest, and when the Federals rewith a portfolio which now lies before the same distance from it, so that the covered from their surprise there was anicker and more determined, but the future, when several soldiers came to road the ground was uneven and irreg- they never passed again. Our men ular, and the river made a bend above reserved their fire once more, but they the bridge, so that there was very little were growing impatient, and did not The cause of this interruption was chance to manoeuver troops on that wait to see whether the Federals would attempt another crossing of the ditch

mandment of the post, Col. R. E. the Confederates. Just in the rear of with equal gallantry, showing a deter- ister of the neighborhood, who had once more to Col. Coleman, whom I Withers, to enrol all the enlisted men the station there was a succession of mined resistance on our side, but it volunteered for the fight under Col. did not meet for twenty years after the required longer time and heavier fir- Coleman. It was a brother-in-law of fight at Staunton River. It was at a fact that one of the copies contained point on the railroad in the direction early in the morning, and it was from ing to drive them back. Then followa letter written by me from the hos- of Richmond, where it was expected these hills in the afternoon that the ed a lorger interval between the pital at Danville, Va., on the 4th of to meet the enemy. Nearly all these Federal artillery poured shot and shell charges, but for the third time the ef July, 1864, which made a brief state- men had been in the army from the in and around the bridge until it was fort was made by the serried ranks of the enemy to press forward to the goal of their ambition. so far as they miss, was severely wounded in the could see there was no impression be-chest while performing a daring act dents of which I have been writing. to the gallant soldiers who made the revealed the fact that he had never bank. There was no possible chance than when they first came in sight of more than nineteen years old, and I had engineer, and afterwards held an imit. This thire charge was resisted as been attracted towards him from the cortant position at Washington, D. C.,

before, and with equal success. The sun was going behind the hills, viacing Col. Withers that these men and the men had been put to work would mean relief for our little band, that they were trying to reach the so happened that we passed each other were entitled to better consideration on in throwing up dirt with their bayo- as we knew that with the coming of bridge for the purpose of setting fire without recognition only a short disaccount of past services, and that it nets, Col. Coleman and myself with a night the Federa's would have the ad- to it, as he saw that each one had in tance from his home. In answer to was an injustice for him to place them few picked men went on a reconnois- vantage, for they could easily make his hand a package. My answer was my ring of the door bell, a young lady lently unfit for the position. Finally, road, using an engine and a passenger pits, and by this means hem us in on back to the position from which he name, which quite surprised me. It After the battles of the Wilderness an officer from another State should Danville. This was a valuable incident for the solution of the problem, and fired, but did not step down. by a description he had given the footed in any such way. However, we have the be put in charge, and that the rest of of the day, for we learned that the when the Federals cathered for the Throwing his gun in proper position. The convention of the latter was the footed in any such way. However, we have the footed in any such way. However, we have the footed in any such way. The convention of the latter was a few footed in any such way. However, we have the footed in any such way. The convention of the latter was a few footed in any such way. The convention of the latter was a few footed in any such way. The convention of the latter was a few footed in any such way. The convention of the latter was a few footed in any such way. The convention of the latter was a few footed in any such way. 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Hence the command and trestles and depots, and looking for larger when a half entered have cone before. Hence the command and trestles are depoted by the command and trestles and depots, and looking for larger when a half entered have cone before. Hence the command and trestles are contained to the command and trestles and depots, and looking for larger when a half entered have cone before. exceedingly poor health. I was as officer relinquished the command and trestles and depots, and looking for and they were met with a galling fire to ram the charge when a ball entered have gone before. Henry E. Coleman ward to an easy victory when they of musketry waich grew even more his chest and he fell backwards, but was every inch a soldier, and impressed Every train brought additions to reached the bridge over Staunton furious as their lines came nearer. It was caught by a comrade. He came me with his high qualities as a gentleficers from South Carolina, as our the force while we were waiting in River, and an unmolested march on to was during this charge that Lee and at once to my side and said, "I have man. Peace to his ashes! division was filled with wounded of-ficers and men from Hagood's brigade. Danville, and an entire company of ficers and men from Hagood's brigade. Danville, and an entire company of ficers and men from Hagood's brigade. Danville, and an entire company of that Gen. W. H. F. Lee, with his the Federals, and they were given an dead man." As he lay there, growing It so happened that my cousin, Dr. command of Capt. Riddick, arrived a division of cavalry, was only a few opportunity of fighting in opposite di- more pallid every moment, he begged W. D. Hoyt, now of Rome, Ga., was short time before we left. They had hours in the rear of Gen. Wilson, and rections. Only one result could ensue me to write his mother, and say to her and scalp skin and scalp of infants the surgeon in charge of the division, been down to Andersonville with a that a stubborn defence of the bridge from this state of things, which was that he was shot while obeying my soothed and cured by Johnson's Orienand in a week or ten days he directed me to go with a sick and wounded me to go with a sick and wou

when the sharp crack of a rifle on the thick with the smoke of battle. When under my command was not kept by

definitely with personal incidents and now an estimable citizen of Anderson reminiscences. Only a few will be County, William J. Stevenson, of Co. given, however, Col. Henry E. Cole- F., 2nd S. C. Rifles, had the rare and unman, to whom the credit of the en- expected experience of taking part in agement is chiefly due, exhibited the an engagement between Petersburg highest qualities of a soldier. He was and Weldon only a few weeks before, self-reliant, admirably poised in man- as he was going home on furlough. ner, and quick to take advantage of and he did a soldier's duty on both circumstances. I was wounded rather occasions without receiving a scratch. early in the fight, and was carried un- He literally fought his way home and der the bridge, protected by the abut- back to the army, ment. Col. Coleman at once suggested that he would take immediate com- no opportunity of perfecting the list when an officer met me, and inquired whole earth seemed to be alive with mand of my end of the line, while he after the fight was over, and adding would pass the word along the trenches the names of men who joined me only that I was in charge of the left wing, as the enemy came in sight, for this and this was done. He came and was also true. The soldiers arriving stood in front of me, where I was ly- in Danville after we lett and who were ing on the ground, and was receiving able for duty were sent ferward by the such attention as the surgeon could commandant, and a squad of them give me, when I saw that he was in- came just as we were preparing to curring great risk in remaining there any longer, as the minic balls were whistling by every moment, and he among them was another friend of appeared unconcious of the fact. I mine from Anderson County, the late better not to do it at this time, enough own inexperienced artiflery on the cautioned him to step back one or two Peter R. Brown, who with the others paces, but his reply showed that he crossed the bridge while it was under did not appreciate the danger, and in a raking fire from the artillery. another minute he was brought to the ground within a few feet of me. A ball printed in the Southern Guardian ; had gone through the knee, and he was disabled like myself. His stratagem had ended so far as

as the exchange of commands was concerned, and we hal to find another expedient, which was to direct the fight jointly through the young man who had been made Adjutant of the command. His name was Lieut, C. D. Humphreys, of the 1st Florida battal ion, and he had been detailed from my company. After Col. Coleman was wounded, Lieut. Humphreys most officers faithfully executed every order issued from the disabled headquarters under the bridge. My First Lieuten-

The estimated strength of the Federals was 2,000 men, but Gen. Wilson reported a much smaller number as being actually engaged. Their loss in killed and wounded was not less names, which was the enrolment made Carolma, indulging in hopes for the line. On the opposite side of the rail- fatal ditch was an obstruction which than 300, equal to our whole number, at Danville, perhaps, at the outset. as our men buried 75 of their dead the From twenty five to thirty others were next day. Not a prisoner was taken added as already indicated. Georgia on either side. Our total loss was 35 heads the list with 15 men, one third officers and men, and five out of eight of those named here. officers were wounded. Six men were The second charge was repulsed killed, one of them an Episco al min-I cannot recall his name.

approaches to our line by digging rifle to shoot them, and he quickly stepped came to the door and greeted me by was acting as my orderly wrote down ours, and this was agreed to. The hands of the enemy, and urgent mester and leading down the river his words and took his mother's address bruises, lame back, it quickly relieves order, and on reaching Columbia was hundred and lifty men, and at 4 o'clock passed that way, the reconnoissance soon filled with a moving caravan of was nortally wounded, but I insisted 3. C.

OFFICERS AND PRIVATES. in the campaign of 1864 that men the station. The long, long day was going home on furlough or returning INCIDENTS OF THE FIGHT.

This account might be extended inwith me at Staunton River, and who is

Being wounded so severely, I had engage the enemy. Several of them belonged to the Hampton Legion, and

I append herewith the list as it was First Lieut, J. G. Moore, Co. F 3th Miss.

Second Lieut. C. D. Humphreys, 1st Fla. Battalion. Third Lieut, Hall, 51st Va. First Sergt. James C. DuBose, Co.

G, 2nd Ga. Sergt, Murray, company and regi ment not known.

Sergt, W. J. Stevenson, Co. F, 2nd C. Rifles.

Privates J. C. McClendan, Co. H. 27th Ga; W. J. Sims, Co. K, 13th for these political beneficiaries to vote Miss; R. McCarmell, Co. C, 5th S. C; with the Independents and the niggallantly met the responsibility upon Miss; R. McCarmell, Co. C, 5th S. C; him, and in connection with the other J. W. Gilbert, Co. K, 16th Ga ; J. M. 7th S. C; L. Bertrand, Co. II, 6th Lu; ant was J. G. Moon, Co. F., 13th R. H. Willingham, Co. D., 30th Ga; vention to undo and destroy every-Miss., and he was detailed to act as W. H. Lippitt and W. L. Galloway, thing that has been done since 1890 Miss., and he was detailed to act as W. H. Lippitt and W. L. Galloway, tion of the enercy to crush our small commissary, while Lieut. Hall, of the Co. D, Cobb Legion cavalry; G. G. force at once with superior numbers. 51st Virginia, insisted upon using a Johnson and J. A. Dickson, Co. L, Cobb musket. Capt. Riddick showed splen-meadow and then sent forward. bid nerve in the tight, and received a Hth Ga; J. J. Fenton, artiflery, rapidly by the advancing hosts, and ment was over. The three principal 3rd Ga; C. R. Echols, Co. A, 18th the dead silence which prevailed along officers being wounded, it is high Miss; G. McGarity, Co. B, 24th Ga; my line as they got nearer must have praise that the men deserve for their D. D. Kleckley, Co. K, 20th S. C; A. deceived them. My orders were for unflinching fidelity to the end of the McKeron, Co. F, 12th Ga; J. C. Kelly, every man to keep on the ground be- fight. Gathered from every quarter of Co. II, 25th S. C ; A. R. Tanner, Co. only two or three feet high, and when arms of the service, strangers to each S. C; J. T. Eason, Co. I., 17th Miss; the first line of the enemy had crossed other and serving under officers who G. M. Agee, Co. II, 51st Va; W. M. ger, is furcical. Our people are not termination of the fight, and no army that ever great the carth has produced Texas; J. T. Wilthouse, Co. G, 5th and the nigger. We are ready for the a braver pand than the 300 who saved Texas; R. Robinson, Co C, Davis fight, and I have no fears of the rethe day at Staunton River. 19th Ga; J. Wise, Co. A, 59th Ga; L. G. McKenzie, Co. H, 1st Texas; J. C. Harris, Co. A, 5th N. C; W. N. Dodd, Co. D. 17th Miss.

This list includes only forty-six

In closing this sketch, let me refer Coleman's, a country physician, who hotel table in Columbia, and a friend acted as surgeon of the command, but introduced me to the gentieman on my left, who proved to be Col. Coleman. His greeting was still warmer and more Private W. J. Sims, Co. K., 13th cordial than at the meeting on the ing made on our line, and they were under my immediate orders. He was He was in the employ of the Richmond no nearer the capture of the bridge a tall, handsome young fellow, not and Danville at that time as a civil outset. He came to me after I was where we met again in 1888. He callwounded and said that there were two ed at the hotel during my absence, and but as yet there was no sign that Gen. men crawling through the bushes left his card with a message that he W. H. F. Lee had reached the enemy's along the railroad embankment, and would come again, but I did not wait rear. His appearance on the scene asked me what to do. His behef was for him, and in going to his residence it so vigorously the speech of Mr. Garthree sides. Daylight was important had seen them, then raised his gun was his daughter, who recognized me when the Federals gathered for the Throwing his gun in proper position I omily. His health was then failing,

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inflamed itching, burning, crusty

Recommend Johnson's Magnetic Oil for rheu natism, neuralgia, sprains.

CHAIRMAN IRBY SPEAKS. THE ORGANIZED DEMOCRACY MUST NOT DIVIDE.

He Says the Twenty-One Hope to Control the Constitutional Conven-tion. The following interview with Sena-

tor Irby, chairman of the State Domo-eratic executive committee, has been published in the Piedmont Headlight; The mask is off and I thank God for it. Reformers have been wasting time with such men as Williams, Gonhonest in their efforts to bring about peace and unity. Their object was to get control of the convention in the interest of corporations by deception and treachery. Tillman said this and left them. This tore the mask from their nize one of their own, and Mr. Carson, their chairmen, of what was hoped defunct organization, proceeds formally to carry out their instructions. This is burefaced Independentism with all that word means. I can't see in face of this how honest, loyal, Reform Democrats can affiliate with them. In truth, the action of this committee

releases every Reformer in counties where an agreement had been made. "If these agreements are carried at and this Independent Executive Committee succeeds in many counties as they purpose, then with the help they expect to get on the plea of peace and unity from counties in which they have agreed, they will certainly control that convention. For instance, they are going to make a clean cut open fight in many counties. They may pretend to agree in Richland and Charleston and other counties, and these agreements will be repudiated on election day as sure as the sun shines and anti Democrats elected. 1 can name, but perhaps it would be counties that they think they will surely earry to aggregate seventy-two votes by the use of the negro. Then votes by the use of the negro. Then if they can pick up nine from Edge-field, Aiken, Marion, Lexington and Abbeville, they will have a majority has been of the convention. This has been their game all along, and corporations have been at the bottom of the whole

As long as they pretended (and I knew it was mere pretense) to stay in party lines I could not attack them. Now led by Gonzales, with such lieutenants as Williams and Garlington, in open battle with the organized Democracy, it is my duty to fight them as such. If our people divide with them they can make up their minds gers as soon as the convention is organized. They cannot be trusted. Office James, Co. E, 2nd Ga; E. R. Lawson, and control of the State is what they Co. K, 43rd Tenn; G. Dennis, Cc. C, want and nothing less will ever satisfy them. They want control of the conand disfranchise enough poor and illiterate Democrats to give the rich man control of South Caroplain talk, but I mean every word I

say. The very idea of the poor men of Laurens voting for some peace-crying Independents to keep them from de serting their people, who will go to Columbia and join in with the other Independent Democrats to take away their political rights forever and place yield. If we beat them somebody else will have to yield. It is no use to disguise it any longer. The issue is sim-

"Senator, from what you say, the Democrats will assume that you think the Gonzales crowd have deserted the Democratic party."
"That is just what I mean. If you

will read this address, which was evidently written by Editor Williams, you will be convinced that they have eliberately surrendered a'l claims to Democracy. It is addressed to the "People of South Carolina" and not to the Demeratic party of the State. The "people" include not only ne-groes, but Republicans, with whom I have believed that there has been an understanding for more than a year. The address does not contain the word Democrat, and it purposely ignores the general primary ordered by the Democratic Committee, while Mr. Gonzales in their organ (The State) urges its followers in Reform countles to make terms with the Reformers. fool Reformers in such counties as Abbeville and Edgefield. They are atempting to use a double barrelled gun on us -- make an Independent straight fight in close counties and expect Democrats to compromise with them in strong Reform counties. If this is not so, why did the members of the conference or anti committee applaud ington, editor of the Spartanburg Herald, who long ago withdrew pub-licly from the Democratic party? They are Democrats in Reform counties where they can't elect a delegate, and anti Democrats in nigger or anti counties.

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